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Method and System for Compressing Digitized

Fingerprint Images by a Uniform

Degree of Compression

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Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

## Enclosed are:

- [X]Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (35 pages).
- [X]Formal drawings (8 sheets, Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9).
- [X]Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
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